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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

William M. Appleman, et al.

Serial No. 09/879,870

Filed: June 13, 2001

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: Examiner: Krishnan S. Menon

: CONFIRMATION NO. 4961

For: ARRANGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION :
OF AN ELEMENT BUNDLING MODULE :

RULE 116 AMENDMENT OF
APPLICATION ON APPEAL

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is submitted under 37 CFR 116 following submission of a Notice of Appeal dated Feb. 25, 2003, in order to reduce the issues to be considered on appeal without any change in the remaining issues to be considered, in regard to the Final Office action of record dated Dec. 2, 2002. Entry of this amendment is therefore expected.

Recast claim 2 in independent form as follows:

2. In combination with a housing of a module enclosing a plurality of elongated processing elements through which a contaminate-laden fluid is filtered; the improvement residing in:
sealing means for establishing a sealed chamber within the module housing through which the contaminate-laden fluid is conducted externally of the processing elements; holding means for positioning the elongated processing elements within the sealed chamber in a bundled condition; spacer means for maintaining the bundled processing elements in laterally spaced relation to each other throughout within the sealed chamber through which the filtered fluid is laterally withdrawn

as a cleansed portion of the contaminate-laden fluid; and drain means on the housing for discharging said cleansed portion of the contaminate laden fluid from the sealed chamber in response to filtration by the elongated processing elements.

Cancel claims 1 and 4-7 without prejudice.